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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

HYNIX SEMICONDUCTOR INC.,
HYNIX SEMICONDUCTOR AMERICA
INC., HYNIX SEMICONDUCTOR U.K.
LTD., and HYNIX SEMICONDUCTOR
DEUTSCHLAND GmbH,
Plaintiffs,
v.
RAMBUS, INC.,
Defendant.

Case No. CV 00-20905 RMW

**HYNIX, MICRON AND NANYA'S
NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO
BIFURCATE THE CONDUCT TRIAL;
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF**

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Hon. Ronald M. Whyte

RAMBUS INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
HYNIX SEMICONDUCTOR INC., HYNIX
SEMICONDUCTOR AMERICA INC.,
HYNIX SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING AMERICA INC.
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.,
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA,
INC., SAMSUNG SEMICONDUCTOR, INC.,
SAMSUNG AUSTIN SEMICONDUCTOR,
L.P.,
NANYA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION,
NANYA TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION
U.S.A.,
INOTERA MEMORIES, INC.
Defendants.

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NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at 2:00 p.m. on December 13, 2007, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard by the Honorable Ronald M. Whyte, plaintiffs and counterdefendants Hynix Semiconductor Inc., Hynix Semiconductor America Inc., Hynix Semiconductor U.K. LTD., and Hynix Semiconductor Deutschland GmbH (collectively, “Hynix”), defendants Micron Technology, Inc., and Micron Semiconductor Products (collectively, “Micron”), and defendants Nanya Technology Corporation, and Nanya Technology Corporation U.S.A. (collectively “Nanya”), will bring a motion, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(b) and the Court’s Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Rambus’s Motion to Strike Jury Demands dated November 4, 2007, for an order bifurcating the January 22, 2008 conduct trial into a liability and fraud damages phase (the “liability phase”) followed immediately by an antitrust damages and punitive damages (“damages phase”), with both phases conducted before the same jury.

Hynix, Micron and Nanya (collectively, “the Manufacturers”) make this motion on the following grounds:

First, the Manufacturers’ proof of antitrust damages during the conduct trial will be entirely confined to proof of the attorneys’ fees the Manufacturers have incurred in defense of the patent infringement lawsuits plaintiff and counterdefendant Rambus Inc. (“Rambus”) has brought against the Manufacturers in the United States and Europe. The issues of attorneys’ fees and punitive damages are wholly separable from the liability and fraud damages issues in the conduct trial. The lack of any overlap between the evidence to be presented in the two phases counsels in favor of bifurcation under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(b).

Second, Rambus intends to call the Manufacturers’ counsel to testify on the attorneys’ fees issue. Postponing the testimony of the Manufacturers’ counsel until the damages phase will eliminate any risk of prejudice the testimony may have on the Manufacturers in the liability phase.

Third, bifurcation will streamline the liability phase, relegating the presentation of evidence about attorneys’ fees to the damages phase and only if liability is found.

1 Finally, the Manufacturers' request to have a bifurcated trial with the same jury, rather than
2 two different juries hearing the two phases, is consistent with the Seventh Amendment.

3 The motion will be based on this notice, this motion, and the memorandum of points and
4 authorities that follows, the Declaration of Geoffrey H. Yost in Support of Motion to Bifurcate the
5 Conduct Trial filed herewith ("Yost Decl."), any additional evidence or argument that the
6 Manufacturers may submit in support of this motion at or before the hearing of this matter, and
7 upon the documents in the Court's file.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

The Manufacturers will prove antitrust damages at the conduct trial by showing the amount of attorneys' fees they have incurred defending themselves against Rambus's patent infringement lawsuits filed in the United States and Europe. Since the proof of attorneys' fees is entirely severable from proof of Rambus's liability and of the Manufacturers' fraud damages, the conduct trial is a perfect candidate for bifurcation. Indeed, none of the witnesses and exhibits necessary to prove attorneys' fees will be used in the liability phase. The first phase would be limited to trial of liability issues under the antitrust, fraud and other causes of action and defenses, and proof of unquantifiable fraud damages. The second phase would be dedicated to determining the amount of attorneys' fees the Manufacturers are entitled to recover, as well as the appropriate amount of punitive damages.

In an effort to challenge the Manufacturers' antitrust damages case, Rambus apparently intends to call lawyers from the firms representing the Manufacturers to be cross-examined about the Manufacturers' legal fees and efforts to defend Rambus's patent lawsuits. Bifurcation would lessen the obvious risk of prejudice to the Manufacturers arising from trial counsel taking the witness stand. Instead, any testimony from counsel would be confined to the damages phase, eliminating entirely the risk of prejudice in the liability phase.

In addition to avoiding prejudice, bifurcation will also streamline proof of liability, eliminating the need for the Manufacturers to present any evidence on attorneys' fees or Rambus's net worth until after the liability phase and then only in the event the jury finds liability.

Finally, the Manufacturers' request that the Court order the conduct trial bifurcated but heard by a single jury is entirely consistent with the Seventh Amendment. Therefore, this motion should be granted.

II. BACKGROUND

The Manufacturers intend to prove their antitrust damages by establishing the amount of fees and expenses they have incurred defending against Rambus's patent claims – costs that the Manufacturers would not have incurred but for Rambus's anticompetitive conduct. These legal

1 fees are recoverable as damages in an antitrust action. *See* November 4, 2007 Order Granting in
 2 Part and Denying in Part Rambus' Motion to Strike Jury Demands, at 5.

3 The Manufacturers' antitrust damages evidence will prove (1) the amount of attorneys'
 4 fees incurred defending Rambus's patent suits, (2) that the Manufacturers paid the fees, and (3) the
 5 fees were fair and reasonable and reflect the work actually performed. The Manufacturers will
 6 present testimony from expert witnesses (*see, e.g.,* Yost Decl., Exhibits C and D) and client
 7 representatives to establish the evidentiary foundation for the legal bills and the fact that they were
 8 paid.

9 During an August 29, 2007 telephonic hearing, however, Rambus asserted that it intends to
 10 call the Manufacturers' counsel to testify at the conduct trial. Rambus contends that "the only way
 11 to adequately cross-examine [on the issue of the Manufacturers' antitrust damages] is to cross-
 12 examine someone who can testify to why certain work was done....The only way for [Rambus] to
 13 get to those issues is ask someone responsible for the billing of those matters why it is that they
 14 billed their clients for this amount." Transcript of August 29, 2007 Telephonic Hearing before
 15 Judge Whyte at 25:18-26:4 (Yost Decl. at Exhibit A).

16 During the same hearing, the Court expressed its views on calling trial counsel to testify as
 17 a witness at trial. Specifically, the Court noted:

18 I really do not like the idea of trial counsel being called as witnesses...but it
 19 seems to me that the solution would be to perhaps sever the determination of the
 20 amount of fees and try that issue separately if the manufacturers prevailed and the
 21 jury found they were entitled to attorneys' fees, but not try the amount...
 22 Somebody else from the same firm as trial counsel [as a testifying witness]
 23 doesn't cause me concern as much but still causes me some concern. And the
 24 idea of separating out the amount of the attorneys' fees, assuming that those are
 25 recoverable damages, merits, I think, further thought, and it might even merit, if
 26 we have to, keeping the same jury and just trying it immediately after a liability
 27 determination if we need to. I'm just very troubled by the idea of trial counsel
 28 being witnesses in the case. I think it presents some very –I don't want to say
 ethical – but very troubling issues as to the fairness to the parties.

Id. at 27:18-28:1 and 30:9-23 (Yost Decl. at Exhibit A).

25 On August 31, 2007, Rambus filed its Witness Disclosure Pursuant to the Court's
 26 August 30, 2007 Order, and included on its list of conduct trial witnesses Hynix's counsel
 27 Theodore Brown of the law firm Townsend and Townsend and Crew, LLP, Jared Bobrow of Weil
 28

1 Gotshal & Manges for Micron, and Kai Tseng of Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe for Nanya. *See*
 2 Rambus Inc.'s Witness Disclosure Pursuant to the Court's August 30, 2007 Order, 2:20 (Yost
 3 Decl. at Exhibit B). The Townsend, Weil and Orrick firms, of course, are trial counsel of record
 4 and represent the Manufacturers in this action. Indeed, the Joint Case Management Order bars the
 5 calling of trial counsel to the witness stand during the conduct trial without the Court's
 6 permission. *See* August 30, 2007 Joint Case Management Order, ¶ 11.

7 Given that the proof of the Manufacturers' attorneys' fees damages is easily severable
 8 from the liability and fraud damages issues, bifurcation is appropriate in this case. It is a natural
 9 solution that would eliminate the potential for prejudice arising from the prospect of trial counsel
 10 testifying during the liability phase. As such, the Manufacturers take up the Court's suggestion of
 11 bifurcating the conduct trial. The issue of the amount of the Manufacturers' attorneys' fees should
 12 be tried expeditiously along with punitive damages in a separate damages phase to the same jury
 13 immediately following the liability phase.

14 **III. ARGUMENT**

15 **A. Legal Standard**

16 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(b) ("Rule 42(b)") provides, in pertinent part:

17 The court, in furtherance of convenience or to avoid prejudice, or when separate
 18 trials will be conducive to expedition and economy, may order a separate trial ...
 19 of any separate issue ... always preserving inviolate the right of trial by jury as
 declared by the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution or as given by a statute of
 the United States.

20 Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(b). Only one of these three criteria — convenience, to avoid prejudice, or
 21 expedition and economy — need be met to justify bifurcation. *Saxion v. Titan-C-Manufacturing,*
 22 *Inc.*, 86 F.3d 553, 556 (6th Cir. 1996); *MCI Communications Corp. v. American Telephone &*
 23 *Telegraph Co.*, 708 F.2d 1081, 1177 (7th Cir. 1983).

24 Under Rule 42(b), "the district court has broad discretion to bifurcate a trial," *Jinro*
 25 *America Inc. v. Secure Investments, Inc.*, 266 F.3d 993, 998 (9th Cir. 2001), and the court's
 26 decision is reviewed only "for an abuse of discretion." *M2 Software, Inc. v. Madacy*
 27 *Entertainment*, 421 F.3d 1073, 1088 (9th Cir. 2005); *Zivkovic v. S. Cal. Edison Co.*, 302 F.3d
 28 1080, 1088 (9th Cir. 2002). When exercising its discretion, a court may consider such factors as

1 “avoiding prejudice, separability of the issues, convenience, judicial economy, and reducing risk
 2 of confusion.” *Bates v. United Parcel Service*, 204 F.R.D. 440, 448 (N.D. Cal. 2001). “While
 3 economy and convenience may properly be considered in the decision to bifurcate, neither is the
 4 ultimate objective.” *Martin v. Bell Helicopter Co.*, 85 F.R.D. 654, 658 (D. Colo. 1980).
 5 “Considerations of convenience and economy must yield to a paramount concern for a fair and
 6 impartial trial.” *Johnson v. Celotex Corp.*, 899 F.2d 1281, 1285 (2nd Cir. 1990).

7 More specifically, “[i]t is clear that Rule 42(b) gives courts the authority to separate trials
 8 into liability and damages phases.” *De Anda v. City of Long Beach*, 7 F.3d 1418, 1421 (9th Cir.
 9 1993); *see also Bates v. United Parcel Serv.*, 204 F.R.D. 440, 448 (N.D. Cal. 2001); 9 Wright &
 10 Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure §§ 2389 and 2390 (“A separate trial may be ordered in
 11 various types of antitrust cases ...on the liability or damages issue....The separation of issues of
 12 liability from those relating to damages is an obvious use for Rule 42(b).”). The separate trials of
 13 “liability” and “damage” in an antitrust case “must be grounded upon a clear understanding
 14 between the court and counsel of the issue or issues involved in each phase and what proof will be
 15 required to pass from one phase to the next.” *Response of Carolina, Inc. v. Leasco Response, Inc.*,
 16 537 F.2d 1307, 1324 (5th Cir. 1976). The moving party has the burden to prove that bifurcation is
 17 warranted. *Spectra-Physics Lasers, Inc. v. Uniphase Corporation*, 144 F.R.D. 99, 101 (N.D. Cal.
 18 1992).

19 **B. Bifurcation of the Conduct Trial is Warranted**

20 In this action, all three criteria for bifurcation are met: it would (1) be convenient, since the
 21 issues of liability and fraud damages on one hand, and punitive and antitrust damages on the other
 22 hand, are entirely separable, (2) avoid potential prejudice of forcing counsel to testify at the
 23 liability trial, and (3) be economical since antitrust and punitive damages would only be tried if
 24 Rambus were found liable for its conduct.

25 **1. The Liability and Fraud Damages Issues Are Wholly Separable from** 26 **the Antitrust Damages Issues**

27 One of the primary factors considered in determining whether bifurcation of liability and
 28 damages is appropriate under Rule 42(b) is whether the issues of liability and damages are

1 separable in the case. *Bates v. United Parcel Service*, 204 F.R.D. 440, 448 (N.D. Cal. 2001). The
 2 fact that the liability and damages phases would “require the parties to present different types of
 3 evidence” counsels in favor of bifurcation. *Id.* at 449.

4 For example, in *Bates v. United Parcel Service*, the court found that defendants’ liability
 5 for plaintiffs’ discrimination claims were “based on a pattern or practice of discrimination [and] ...
 6 relate to the policies and practices UPS has employed during the period in question and whether
 7 those policies and practices comply with the ADA and California laws.” *Bates v. United Parcel*
 8 *Service, supra*, 204 F.R.D. at 449. The “appropriate level of damages, by contrast, depend[ed] on
 9 individualized questions, such as each [plaintiff] class members’ employment history, the
 10 particular communication barriers faced by each class member, and the accommodations UPS has
 11 provided to each class member.” *Id.* The court in *Bates* concluded that since evidence “certainly
 12 necessary to evaluate damages” was “not required to determine liability to the [plaintiff] class or
 13 subclass,” the issues of liability and damages were “separable in this case, a finding that weighs in
 14 favor of bifurcation.” *Id.*

15 Similarly, in *Close v. Calmar Steamship Corp.*, the court held that a distinction between
 16 the proof required for liability and damages, where damages required the determination of
 17 attorneys’ fees, counseled in favor of bifurcation. *Close v. Calmar Steamship Corp.*, 44 F.R.D.
 18 398, 410-11 (E.D. Pa. 1968). In *Close*, plaintiff longshoremen brought various personal injury
 19 claims against ship owners. *Id.* at 400. Defendant ship owners in turn sued the employers of the
 20 plaintiffs for indemnification. *Id.* at 401. Defendant ship owners then moved to consolidate their
 21 indemnification claims with the underlying personal injury claims, and the employers also moved
 22 to consolidate but only so long as all factual issues, including defendant ship owners’
 23 indemnification damages, were submitted to the jury. *Id.* The defendant ship owners opposed the
 24 employers motion to submit indemnification damages to the jury, alleging “difficulty and possible
 25 impropriety involved in proving the reasonable value of their counsel fees [to the jury] which they
 26 contend are a recoverable item of damages in the indemnity cause of action.” *Id.* at 410. The
 27 court in held:

1 [T]he appropriate remedy is to sever determination of this one issue [of attorneys'
 2 fees] from the rest of the case pursuant to Rule 42(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil
 3 Procedure. This conclusion is supported by the fact that the issue of attorneys'
 fees does not involve the same evidence as is involved in the rest of the action,
 and thus the issue is easily severable.

4 *Id.* at 410-11.

5 This case is analogous to both *Bates* and *Close*. The evidence the Manufacturers intend to
 6 introduce to prove their antitrust attorneys' fees damages is entirely different from the proof they
 7 intend to offer to show in the liability phase.

8 For the first phase, Manufacturers intend to introduce evidence that will show Rambus's
 9 anticompetitive behavior and deceptive conduct at JEDEC and after, including the fact that but for
 10 Rambus's anticompetitive conduct, Rambus would not have been able to file its patent
 11 infringement lawsuits against the Manufacturers. The amount and reasonableness of the
 12 Manufacturers' attorneys' fees are not at all relevant to the existence and success of Rambus's
 13 scheme.

14 For the second phase, the Manufacturers intend to introduce evidence on the amount and
 15 reasonableness of the attorneys' fees they incurred in defending the patent litigation, and evidence
 16 bearing on an appropriate amount of punitive damages. The witnesses will include patent
 17 litigation and attorney ethics experts, each of whom would testify solely as to the Manufacturers'
 18 legal fees. None will testify on liability or fraud damages issues. The exhibits the Manufacturers
 19 intend to use in the damages phase, such as attorney fee invoices, will not be used in the liability
 20 phase.

21 Therefore, as in *Bates*, there is a clear dividing line between the evidence required to show
 22 liability and the evidence required to show punitive and antitrust damages. *See Bates v. United*
 23 *Parcel Service, supra*, 204 F.R.D. at 449; *see also Close v. Calmar Steamship Corp., supra*, 44
 24 F.R.D. at 410-11. This division counsels in favor of bifurcation. *See id.* Moreover, like in *Close*,
 25 separating the attorneys' fees issue from liability is not only appropriate, but it also resolves the
 26 "difficulty and possible impropriety" involved in proving the reasonable value of attorneys' fees
 27 before the jury decides liability. *See Close v. Calmar Steamship Corp.*, 44 F.R.D. at 410-11.

1 **2. Separating Proof of Attorneys' Fees from Proof of Liability and Fraud**
2 **Damages will Avoid Prejudice**

3 Another important factor for consideration on a motion for bifurcation is whether
4 bifurcation will "avoid prejudice" to the parties and maintain a fair and impartial trial. Fed. R.
5 Civ. Proc. 42(b); *see also Muhammad v. City and County of San Francisco*, 2007 WL 1521543, *1
6 (N.D. Cal. 2007); *Johnson v. Celotex Corp.*, *supra*, 899 F.2d at 1285. In the case at hand, not only
7 will bifurcation result in a more fair and impartial trial, it is necessary to avoid prejudice.

8 Rambus has signaled repeatedly its intent to call trial counsel in its defense during the
9 conduct trial, despite the Court's specific order that "[n]o trial counsel is to be deposed or called as
10 a witness absent further order of the court." August 30, 2007 Joint Case Management Order, ¶ 11.
11 Any appearance on the witness stand in the liability phase by a lawyer for a party permits Rambus
12 to argue to the jury the credibility of counsel, a red herring issue clearly intended to divert
13 attention from liability. *See* 81 Am.Jur.2d, Witnesses § 220 ("Because the roles of an advocate
14 and a witness are inconsistent inasmuch as the function of an advocate is to advance or argue the
15 cause of another, while that of a witness is to state facts objectively, an advocate who becomes a
16 witness is in the unseemly and ineffective position of arguing his or her own credibility."). The
17 appearance of impropriety and the resulting potential for prejudice are of enough concern to the
18 courts and the Bar that the California Rules of Professional Conduct, which govern all attorneys
19 practicing before this Court,¹ address these concerns by forbidding trial counsel to testify before
20 the jury except in very limited instances.²

21 Bifurcation would eliminate the risk of prejudice to the Manufacturers of having their
22 counsel testify during the liability phase of the conduct trial. *See, e.g., Drennan v. Maryland Cas.*

23 ¹ Civil Local Rule 11-4(a) of the Local Rules of the Northern District of California provides that
24 "Every member of the bar of this Court and any attorney permitted to practice in this Court under
25 Civil L.R. 11 must: (1) Be familiar and comply with the standards of professional conduct
26 required of members of the State Bar of California." Civil L.R. 11-4(a)(1).

27 ²The California Rules of Professional Conduct forbid an attorney from acting as trial counsel
28 before a jury which will hear testimony from that same attorney unless "(A) The testimony relates
29 to an uncontested matter; or (B) The testimony relates to the nature and value of legal services
30 rendered in the case; or (C) The [testifying attorney] has informed, written consent of the client."
31 Cal. Prof. Conduct, Rule 5-210. Moreover, an attorney who may be called as a witness by *an*
32 *opposing party* may represent his or her client in a jury trial, provided the client gives informed,
33 written consent. *Id.*; *see also Reynolds v. Sup. Ct. (Siders)*, 177 Cal.App.3d 1021, 1026 (1977).

1 Co., 366 F.Supp.2d 1002, 1008 (D.Nev. 2005) (bifurcation is appropriate to reduce the possibility
 2 of undue prejudice by allowing the jury to hear certain evidence that need only to be considered in
 3 one of the two bifurcated trials). Separating liability from antitrust damages would also prevent
 4 the prejudice that may result from giving Rambus the opportunity to challenge counsel on the
 5 witness stand during the liability phase while permitting Rambus to call these witnesses during the
 6 antitrust damages phase upon a good faith showing to the Court.

7 **3. Bifurcation Will Streamline the Liability Portion of the Conduct Trial** 8 **and Reduce the Potential for Jury Confusion**

9 Courts have also found bifurcation under Rule 42(b) appropriate if it promotes judicial
 10 economy and lessens the risk of jury confusion. *See M2 Software, Inc. v. Madacy Entertainment*,
 11 421 F.3d 1073, 1088 (9th Cir. 2005); *see also Bates v. United Parcel Service, supra*, 204 F.R.D. at
 12 448.

13 In the instant case, bifurcation would streamline the conduct trial by eliminating the need
 14 for presenting any evidence on the amount and reasonableness of the Manufacturers' attorneys'
 15 fees during the liability phase of trial. Similarly, there would be no need to show Rambus's net
 16 worth, for example, for the purpose of setting appropriate punitive damages. Only if Rambus is
 17 found liable on one or more of the Manufacturers' claims would the jury need to consider the
 18 distinct set of exhibits and testimony relevant to the Manufacturers' antitrust and punitive
 19 damages. A jury hearing evidence of the amount the parties spent defending Rambus's patent
 20 claims would at the very least be distracted, if not completely confused. Bifurcation under Rule
 21 42(b) is therefore warranted. Splitting the conduct trial into a liability phase and a damages phase
 22 would be expeditious, economical, avoid the danger of unnecessary jury confusion, and be more
 23 convenient to the parties, counsel and the Court.

24 **C. Bifurcation Would Be Consistent With The Seventh Amendment**

25 There is no Seventh Amendment problem with the separate trial of bifurcated issues to a
 26 single jury so long as the bifurcated issues are "distinct and separable." *In re Innotron*
 27 *Diagnostics*, 800 F.2d 1077, 1086 (Fed. Cir. 1986) (citations and quotations omitted); *see also*
 28 *Arthur Young & Co. v. United States District Court*, 549 F.2d 686, 693 (9th Cir. 1977)

(bifurcation is appropriate where the separated issues are not “(s)o interwoven . . . that the (one) cannot be submitted to the jury independently of the (other) without confusion and uncertainty which would amount to a denial of a fair trial.”) (citing *Gasoline Products v. Champlin Refinery Co.*, 283 U.S. 494 (1931)); 9 Wright & Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure § 2391 (“It has been held, on sound ground, that the Seventh Amendment is not violated by the separate submission of the issues to a single jury.”).

As the Ninth Circuit has noted:

The right to a unitary jury trial is not an absolute one... Furthermore, aside from any issue of trial by separate juries, there is no Seventh Amendment requirement that all evidence be presented to the trier of fact at one hearing... All of vital significance in trial by jury is that issues of fact be submitted for determination with such instructions and guidance by the court as will afford opportunity for that consideration by the jury which was secured by the rules governing trials at common law. Beyond this, the Seventh Amendment does not exact the retention of old forms of procedure... As long as the form of trial adopted by the trial court “will afford opportunity for the consideration by the jury” provided at common law, there is no violation of the rights to a jury trial.

Arthur Young & Co. v. United States District Court, *supra*, 549 F.2d at 692-93 (citing *Gasoline Products v. Champlin Refinery Co.*, 283 U.S. 494 (1931); *United Air Lines, Inc. v. Wiener*, 286 F.2d 302 (9th Cir. 1961)). Indeed having the same jury for both bifurcated issues “is probably the preferred practice, even though [the jury] may hear the issues at different times.” 9 Wright & Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure § 2391. The Manufacturers move the Court to bifurcate the conduct trial into two phases to be heard by the *same* jury. As explained in Section B.1., the liability and damages issues to tried in the conduct trial are entirely distinct and separable.

Even if the Manufacturers were asking the Court for *different* juries to hear the who phases, bifurcation would still be constitutionally sound. *Arnold v. United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc.*, 158 F.R.D. 439, 460 (N.D. Cal. 1994) (“It is constitutionally permissible for separate juries to hear the two phases of a bifurcated trial”); *Arthur Young & Co. v. U.S. District Court*, *supra*, 549 F.2d at 693. So long as the second jury is not deciding the same essential issues as the first jury in a bifurcated trial, there is no Seventh Amendment problem. *In re Paoli R.R. Yard PCB Litigation*, 113 F.3d 444, 452 fn.5 (3d Cir. 1997) (“The Seventh Amendment requires that, when a court bifurcates a case, it must ‘divide issues between separate trials in such a way that the same issue is

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